

NIGHT AND DAY PRAYING....

1 Thess 3:9-13

1 Th 3:9 Thanking God because of:

1. Their faithfulness and consistency
2. His own satisfaction

1 Th 3:10 Praying and thanksgiving closely related.

Three special requests:

1. They become mature in their faith.
2. That their love might abound 1 Th 3:12
3. They might be holy in their lives. 1 Th 3:13 ... *stablish your hearts*

strengthen, make firm, establish; fix, set up; make a firm resolve

Wiersbe: *Where there is stability, there can be sanctity; and where there is holiness, there is assurance. The two go together.*

Unblameable in holiness: Unblemished, without blame or fault, deserving no censure--In the realm or sphere of holiness...in consecration.

before God, even our Father God sees everything.

Hearts and motives. Secret hidden sins. True hypocrisy and spirituality.

Unholy actions begin with unholy thoughts... unholy heart.

Paul concerned that they love from very depth of being--from hearts.

Vital for believer to have heart that is clean... short sin accounts with God.

...at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. In sight of God when Jesus Christ comes back with all saints.

Jesus Christ physically appear in heaven to rapture Church from all trials and tribulations going on here on earth.

Happen immediately before & preceding 7 years of tribulation here on earth

Coming: parousia, alongside of, to be personally present alongside of

Physical, literal, bodily return of Jesus Christ.

He will meet us in the sky.

Three Grk words express truth about coming of Lord:

Epiphaneia : appearing. See Him with our eyes.

Apokalupsis: revelation. Speaks of His glory.

Parousia: presence...coming.

1 Thess. 4:17 we will be caught up to meet Lord in the air. At that moment we will be present with Him.

Here, Jesus Christ come for His saints. The rapture ...any moment. Imminent.

Mat 24:37-44 1 Th 5:2-3

1 Corinthians 3:9 ... ***ye are God's building.***

1 Corinthians 3:10 By God's power as a wise masterbuilder/architect, I laid the foundation...I designed blue prints.

Another by name of Apollos put up walls.

Let every man/every carpenter be careful how he builds on foundation.

1 Corinthians 3:11 Don't forget there is only one foundation which has been

laid. Jesus.

1 Corinthians 3:12-13 Be careful when you pick your building materials.

Face the final inspection.

If use inferior materials--exposed.

Inspection thorough, strict , precise. Nothing neglected or looked over.

14 If your work and labor survives the fire, then receive payment..reward.

Your reward will correspond to quality of building materials.

15 If house burns up, you will experience great loss.

However, you will be saved, like a man escaping through the flames.

So What?

So what was Paul's prayer for the young Christians in Thessalonica:

1. That their faith might mature..might be mature in their walk with God
2. That their love might abound – might abound in love.
3. That they might be holy in their lives. Holy in your hearts.

Why? **1 Th 3:13** *To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father*

Because some day we will stand before a holy God and give an account for our motives and actions. If we have been faithful in heart and motives we will receive a reward. If our whole life has been a sham and fake, we will experience a great loss... we will saved as if we were jumping out of the flames of our burning building.